



# NC Regional Councils

*Creative regional solutions*

North Carolina's Association of Regional Councils of Government

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

# NC ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS

- North Carolina is served by **16 regional councils, not another layer of government** but an extension of our local governments that offer a broad range of **support services to our member governments** including but not limited to:
  - Aging program services
  - Community & economic development
  - Workforce development
  - State & federal program management
  - Planning & GIS mapping services
  - Grant writing
  - Regional collaboration
  - Partnership building

# OUR MISSION

- Our mission is to provide “**creative regional solutions**” to relevant and emerging issues in North Carolina while providing a standard of excellence in the delivery of federal, state and regional services for our member communities.

# WHEN REGIONS WERE ESTABLISHED

- Regional councils in North Carolina are the result of **1968** federal legislation (A-95 Clearinghouse Review Process-Intergovernmental Cooperation Act) that charged the Department of Administration with developing “. . .**a system of multi-county regional planning districts to cover the entire state**” (GS 143-341) to reduce duplication of governmental services
- Regional councils have been formally operating in the state since **1972** although many were organized long before the official state designation.

# WHY WERE THEY ESTABLISHED

- Established for closer cooperation between federal programs and state and local governments
- Congress passed the **Intergovernmental Cooperation Act in 1968**
- **NC passed** (GS 143-341) creating a state-wide system through a process that gave local governments a choice of where the boundary lines were to be located

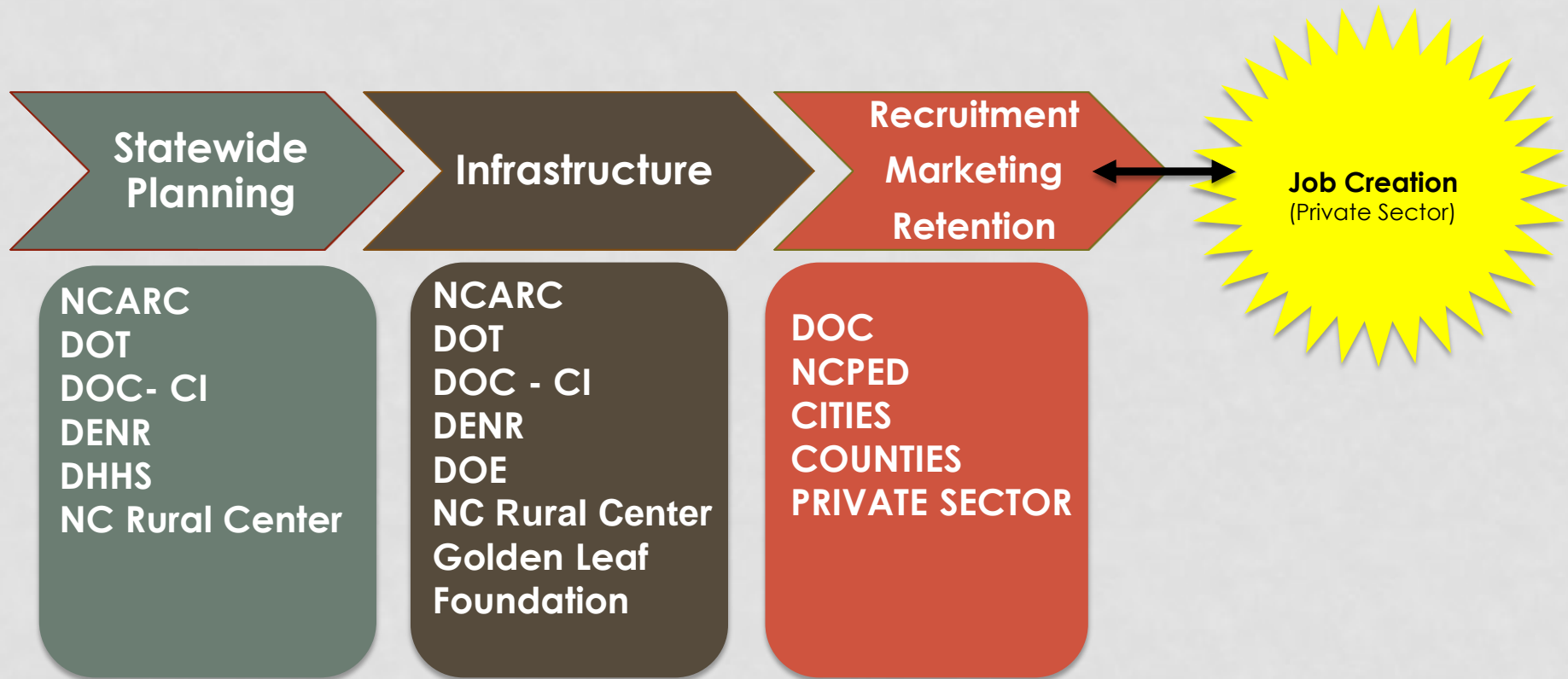
# WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE THEN AND NOW

- **Regionalism** emerged in the 50s across the country as a way to prevent duplication, reduce costs, foster inter-governmental cooperation and work on issues and opportunities that crossed jurisdictional boundary lines:  
***i.e. The concept of RTP led to the Research Triangle Regional Commission (became Triangle J COG).***
- **Concept became formalized in the late 60s:**  
Cooperation between federal, state and local governments in the delivery of services

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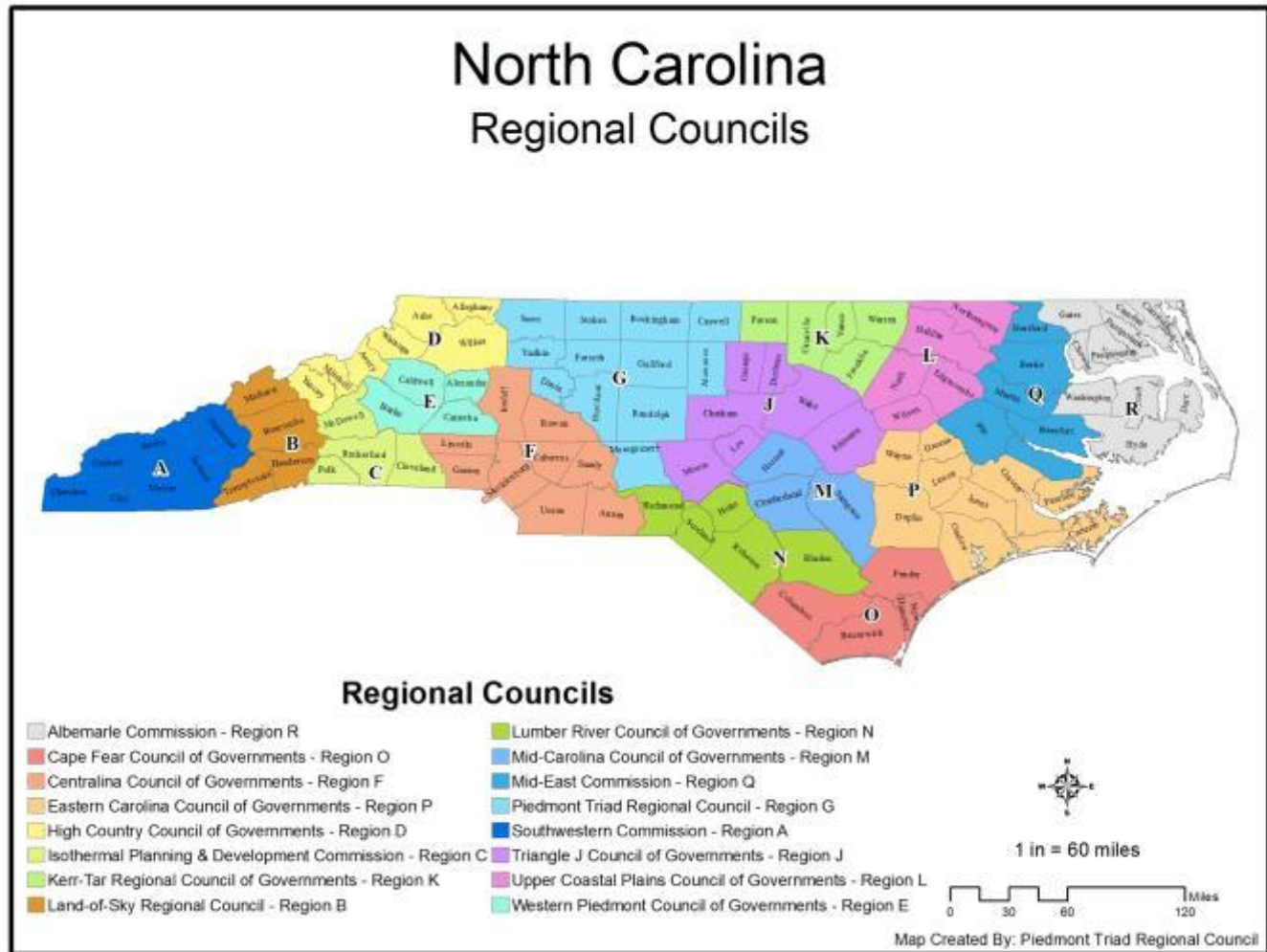
- **Now:** Regional councils are more important today because the critical issues (water resources, transportation infrastructure, etc.) cross boundary lines and resources are less
  - COGS are “owned and operated by local governments”
  - Provide capacity building services for local governments i.e. *Larger communities support COG assistance to small units of government in their region and builds efficiencies in government*
  - State government recommends programs and services depending on need at the state level

# WHO DOES WHAT IN NC





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- **Inter-Regional Cooperative Agreement**
  - Dropped the boundary lines (530+ professionals across the state)
  - Self Policing – RPO Case Study
- **MOU with NCLM, NCACC and the Joint Regional Forum**
  - Joint Regional Forum – Provides a forum for county and municipal leaders to discuss regional/state issues and seek solutions
- **NC Tomorrow – NC Strategy for Economic Development**

Federal (EDA & HUD) State (DOT, DENR, Commerce, Department of Agriculture) and Private Partners (SAS, Duke Energy, ESRI and the NC Rural Center)

# QUESTIONS & MORE INFORMATION

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